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To grant the consent of the Congress to the SMART Research and
Development Compact.

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Mr. BARTLETT (for himself, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. CRITZ, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. DENT, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PITTS, Mr. LANCE, Mr. KRATOVIL, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. SARBANES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Research and Development Compact.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE, FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “SMART Research and Development Compact”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following
7 findings:

1 (1) The shared borders, similar economic, envi-
2 ronmental, and socioeconomic traits as well as the
3 common historical attributes between the residents
4 of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsyl-
5 vania, bind the 4 States into a common Mid-Atlantic
6 region.

7 (2) This region presents a rich framework of
8 approximately 618 colleges and universities, includ-
9 ing approximately 38 leading engineering colleges
10 with a variety of technical expertise and ingenious
11 research and development programs within every
12 field of science and technology.

13 (3) This region contains a variety of federally
14 owned and generated laboratories or organizations
15 assigned with the task of performing needed re-
16 search and development in most of our Nation's
17 technical areas, highlighted by defense, transpor-
18 tation, health, energy, and communications.

19 (4) This region possesses a great wealth of pri-
20 vate manufacturers, laboratories, and nonprofit or-
21 ganizations in each of the scientific and techno-
22 logical pursuits, such as homeland security, defense,
23 aerospace, manufacturing, information systems, ma-
24 terials, chemicals, medical applications, and pharma-
25 ceuticals.

1 (5) Increased cooperation between the above-
2 mentioned institutions and the 4 State governments
3 may effectively enhance the region’s contribution to
4 the United States in all fields of science and tech-
5 nology and promote academic, private and public re-
6 search and development, technical enterprise, and in-
7 tellectual vitality.

8 (6) An organization assigned with the task of
9 linking various institutions across different jurisdic-
10 tions and promoting working partnerships may fur-
11 ther assist the United States by providing a model
12 for the rest of the Nation for the effective use of
13 limited national, State, and local funding resources.

14 **SEC. 2. CONSENT TO COMPACT.**

15 The Congress consents to the SMART Research and
16 Development Compact if that compact is entered into by
17 two or more of the following States: The State of Dela-
18 ware, the State of Maryland, the State of New Jersey, and
19 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The compact reads
20 substantially as follows:

21 “SMART RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

22 COMPACT

23 “ARTICLE I.

24 “The purpose of this compact is to promote the con-
25 tribution of the Mid-Atlantic region to the Nation’s re-

1 search and development in science and technology, and to
2 create a multi-State organization that shall be known as
3 the SMART (Strengthening the Mid-Atlantic Region for
4 Tomorrow) Organization (hereinafter in this compact re-
5 ferred to as the ‘Organization’). The purpose of the Orga-
6 nization is to oversee and help facilitate the acquisition
7 of research and development funding, and to enhance the
8 cooperation, formation of partnerships, and sharing of in-
9 formation among businesses, academic institutions, Fed-
10 eral and State governmental agencies, laboratories, feder-
11 ally owned and operated laboratories, and nonprofit enti-
12 ties, within Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Penn-
13 sylvania.

14 “ARTICLE II.

15 “This compact takes effect upon ratification by two
16 or more of the following States: The State of Delaware,
17 the State of Maryland, the State of New Jersey, and the
18 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the consent
19 of Congress.

20 “ARTICLE III.

21 “The States, which are parties to this compact (here-
22 inafter referred to as ‘party States’), do hereby establish
23 and create the Organization as a joint organization which
24 shall be known as the SMART Organization.

1 “The leadership of the Organization shall consist of
2 a Board of Directors that shall include a representative
3 from each party State, appointed as provided by the law
4 of that State, and representatives from each technology
5 class described in Article IV from the party States. Board
6 Members may include any business, academic institution,
7 nonprofit agency, Federal or State governmental agency,
8 laboratory, and federally owned and operated laboratory
9 within the party States.

10 “The leadership of the Organization shall oversee and
11 direct the projects, administration, and policies of the Or-
12 ganization. The Board of Directors may create and utilize
13 the services of technology-designated Working Groups to
14 identify goals and sources of funding, establish research
15 and development projects, detect new technology advances
16 for the region to pursue, and facilitate cooperation among
17 regional entities. The Board of Directors and Working
18 Groups in the Organization shall serve without compensa-
19 tion and shall hold regular quarterly meetings and such
20 special meetings as their business may require.

21 “The Organization shall adopt bylaws and any other
22 such rules or procedures as may be needed. The Organiza-
23 tion may hold hearings and conduct studies and surveys
24 to carry out its purpose. The Organization may acquire
25 by gift or otherwise and hold and dispose of such money

1 and property as may be provided for the proper perform-
2 ance of its functions, may cooperate with other public or
3 private groups, whether local, State, regional, or national,
4 having an interest in economic or technology development,
5 and may exercise such other powers as may be appropriate
6 to accomplish its functions and duties in connection with
7 the development of the Organization and to carry out the
8 purpose of this compact.

9 “ARTICLE IV.

10 “Not including State Representatives, the Organiza-
11 tion Board of Directors and Technology Working Groups
12 may represent and originate from the following technology
13 classes: information technology, sensors, rotorcraft tech-
14 nology, manufacturing technology, fire/EMS, financial
15 technology, alternative fuels, nanotechnology, electronics,
16 environmental, telecommunications, chemical and biologi-
17 cal, biomedical, opto-electric, Materials/Aerospace, and de-
18 fense systems including directed energy, missile defense,
19 future combat systems, and unmanned aerial vehicles. The
20 SMART Organization may at any time, upon approval by
21 the Board of Directors, designate and assign new tech-
22 nology classes and may at any time remove an existing
23 class from this Article and the Organization’s activities.

1 “ARTICLE V.

2 “The Board of Directors shall appoint a full-time
3 paid executive director, who shall be a person familiar with
4 the nature of the procedures and the significance of sci-
5 entific funding, research and development, economic devel-
6 opment, and the informational, educational, and publicity
7 methods of stimulating general interest in such develop-
8 ments. The duties of the executive director are to carry
9 out the goals and directives of the Board of Directors and
10 administer the actions of each Working Group as chair-
11 man. The executive director may hire a staff and shall
12 be the administrative head of the Organization, whose
13 term of office shall be at the pleasure of the Board of
14 Directors.

15 “ARTICLE VI.

16 “This compact shall continue in force and remain
17 binding upon each party State until 6 months after the
18 party State gives notice of its intent to withdraw to the
19 other party States.”.

20 **SEC. 3. RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL.**

21 The Congress expressly reserves the right to alter,
22 amend, or repeal this Act.

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